

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-17. (cancelled)

18. (currently amended) A preservative with reduced formaldehyde emissions which comprises:

a) about 90% to about 99% weight of N,N'-methylenebis(5-methyloxazolidine); and

b) about 1% to about 10% weight of urea,

~~wherein the weight ratio of N,N'-methylenebis(5-methyloxazolidine) to urea is in a range from about 100:1 to about 10:1 of the preservative, and~~

wherein the preservative

(i) comprises no iodopropynyl compound, and

(ii) comprises no derivative of 1H-benzimidazol-2-carbamic acid.

19-20. (cancelled)

21. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 18, further comprising an O-formal.

22. (withdrawn) The preservative according to Claim 21, wherein said formal is selected from the group consisting of:

- a) ethylenedioxy dimethanol;
- b) benzyl alcohol hemiformal;
- c) propylene glycol hemiformal; and
- d) butyl diglycol hemiformal.

23. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 18, further comprising a formal selected from the group consisting of:

- a) N, N', N''- tris(hydroxyethyl)hexahydrotriazine; and
- b) N,N',N''-tris(β -hydroxypropyl)hexahydrotriazine.

24. (withdrawn) The preservative according to Claim 18, wherein said at least one emission-reducing additive further comprises at least one component selected from the group consisting of:

- a) glycoluril;
- b) dimethylhydantoin;
- c) imidazolidinylurea;
- d) diazolidinylurea;
- e) amino acids;
- f) guanidine; and
- g) guanidine derivatives.

25. (withdrawn) The preservative according to Claim 18, wherein said at least one emission-reducing additive further comprises at least one component selected from the group consisting of:

- a) glycoluril;
- b) tetramethylolglycoluril;
- c) dimethylhydantoin;
- d) dimethyloldimethylhydantoin;
- e) dimethylolurea;
- f) tetramethanolurea;
- g) imidazolidinylurea; and
- h) diazolidinylurea.

26-29. (cancelled)

30. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 18, wherein said preservative further comprises:

- e) at least one additional additive.

31. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 30, wherein said additional additive comprises at least one component selected from the group consisting of:

- a) solvents;
- b) solubility promoters;
- c) corrosion inhibitors;

- d) alkalizing agents;
- e) dyes, perfumes;
- f) viscosity modifying agents;
- g) foam inhibitors;
- h) emulsifiers; and
- i) antioxidants.

32-35. (cancelled)

36. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 18, wherein said preservative further comprises water.

37. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 36, wherein the weight of said water is up to about 10% of the preservative.

38. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 37, wherein said weight of said water is up to about 5% of the preservative.

39. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 38, wherein said weight of said water is up to about 1% of the preservative.

40. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 18, wherein said preservative is anhydrous.

41. (cancelled)

42. (currently amended) The preservative according to Claim [[41]] 18 , wherein said preservative comprises:

- a) about 92% to about 98% weight of N,N'-methylenebis (5-methyloxazolidine); and
- b) about 2% to about 8% weight of urea.

43. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 42, wherein said preservative comprises:

- a) about 93% to about 97% weight of N,N'-methylenebis (5-methyloxazolidine); and
- b) about 3% to about 7% weight of urea.

44. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 43, wherein said preservative comprises:

- a) about 95% weight of N,N'-methylenebis (5-methyloxazolidine); and
- b) about 5% weight of urea.

45-47. (cancelled)

48. (currently amended) The preservative according to Claim [[47]] 18 , wherein said preservative comprises:

- a) about ~~95%~~ 90% weight, of N,N'-methylenebis(5-methyloxazolidine);
- b) about 5% weight of urea; and
- c) about 5% weight of phenoxyethanol.

49-56. (cancelled)

57. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 18, wherein said preservative is utilized for a technical product.

58. (previously presented) The preservative according to Claim 57, wherein said product is selected from the group consisting of:

- a) cutting fluid;
- b) propellant;
- c) surface coating;
- d) a dispersion; and
- e) a water-based paint.

59. (cancelled)

60. (new) The preservative according to Claim 43,
wherein said preservative comprises:

- a) about 96% weight of N,N'-methylenebis (5-methyloxazolidine); and
- b) about 4% weight of urea.